

ArizonaSERVES - Foster Care Issue Team

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Foster parents to care and support children who may not be able to safely remain in their homes; Community support for families who are caring for foster children.

Strategy	Task
Promoting outreach & maximize resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team will report outreach efforts to Staff• Team members will engage in discussion about the issue, informally and by request• Team will design a Summit breakout session to include West Valley church coalition, No Child Waiting coalition and Living Word Church in Mesa.
Identify needs and ways to leverage community resources to improve systems of services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with upcoming events such as: Season of Service Family Well-Being Impact Day, and Focus on the Family conference• Team members will seek information and talk to organizations providing services
Provide recommendations for inclusion on ArizonaSERVES website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide website visitor “pathways to connection” specific to visitor type (faith-based organization, community organization, individual)• Continue to build out toolkit resources to facilitate education and connection
Promote service and volunteerism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outreach to Valley Pastors of Influence Network• Team members will engage in conversations and personal invitations to faith based groups, and will continually identify influential pastors seeking to champion this issue
Improve collaborations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All members will seek opportunities for the Task Force to participate in existing community events/activities• Team will support and engage with existing and new Foster Care faith networks